

**VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE FOR
LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION FUND**

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Larry B. Wiley

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill imposes a 25 cent fee on motor vehicle registrations or registration renewals and establishes a restricted account to fund automated license plate recognition systems.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- imposes a 25 cent fee on all motor vehicle registrations or registration renewals;
- allocates funds from the registration fee to purchase automated license plate recognition systems for law enforcement purposes; and
- establishes a restricted account in the Transportation Fund where revenue from the fee will be deposited.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2008.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

41-1a-1223, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:



Section 1. Section **41-1a-1223** is enacted to read:

41-1a-1223. Fee for license plate recognition system -- Exemption -- Fund.

(1) As used in this section, "automated license plate recognition system" means a computerized camera system mounted on a vehicle or permanently mounted over a highway that recognizes license plates to alert law enforcement of violations, including:

(a) amber alerts;

(b) stolen vehicles;

(c) stolen license plates;

(d) wanted persons;

(e) revoked license plates; and

(f) expired license plates.

(2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), at the time application is made for registration or renewal of registration of a motor vehicle under this chapter, the applicant shall pay an automated license plate recognition fee of 25 cents for each motor vehicle.

(b) The following vehicles are exempt from the fee required under Subsection (2)(a):

(i) a commercial vehicle registered as part of a fleet under Section 41-1a-222 or Section 41-1a-301;

(ii) a motor vehicle that is exempt from the registration fee under Section 41-1a-1209 or Subsection 41-1a-419(3); and

(iii) a motor vehicle with a Purple Heart special group license plate issued in accordance with Section 41-1a-421.

(3) (a) There is created within the Transportation Fund a restricted account known as the "License Plate Recognition Restricted Account."

(b) The account consists of monies generated from the following revenue sources:

(i) monies received by the state under Subsection (2)(a); and

(ii) appropriations made to the account by the Legislature.

(4) (a) The account shall earn interest.

(b) All interest earned on account monies shall be deposited into the account.

(5) The Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division shall use monies in the License Plate Recognition Restricted Account to:

(a) purchase additional automated license plate recognition systems and equipment;

59 (b) support and update existing automated license plate recognition systems and
60 equipment; and

61 (c) fund program management and personnel costs.

62 Section 2. **Effective date.**

63 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2008.

Legislative Review Note

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H.B. 495 - Vehicle Registration Fee for License Plate Recognition Fund

Fiscal Note

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will allocate a \$0.25 fee on every motor vehicle registration or registration renewal to the License Plate Recognition Restricted Account. The expected increase to this transportation fund restricted account is \$575,000 in FY 2009 and \$592,000 in FY 2010. The revenue from this fee will allow for the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division to purchase license plate readers, vehicles, one FTE, and cover vehicle and equipment maintenance. The Tax Commission does not plan to expend the entire revenue in FY 2009 or FY 2010. This revenue will be used for future costs of the program.

	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Revenue</u>
Transportation Fund Restricted	\$0	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$0	\$575,000	\$592,000
Total	\$0	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$0	\$575,000	\$592,000

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Individuals and businesses that are up-to-date with registration and other motor vehicle laws will likely be unaffected. Those that are not up-to-date or are involved in illegal activity will likely experience an increased cost to driving motor vehicles. Locals may experience increased revenue due to increased enforcement of motor vehicle regulations.